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SUBJECT: HUGO BLANCO

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1. PERUVIAN EXILE TROTSKYITE LEADER HUGO BLANCO HAS SURFACED AGAIN IN SWEDEN IN FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN LEADING STOCKHOLM MORNING PAPER DAGENS NYHETER. OCCASION WAS MEETING BETWEEN BLANCO AND HECTOR BEJAR, WHO IS DESCRIBED AS A FRIEND OF BLANCO AND CURRENTLY A "HIGH-RANKING CIVIL SERVANT IN A GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION IN PERU." BEJAR IS VISITING STOCKHOLM TO STUDY THE SWEDISH LABOR MOVEMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION. THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN A HOSPITAL WHERE BLANCO IS BEING TREATED FOR A BACK INJURY.

2. AS REPORTED BY DAGENS NYHETER, BLANCO ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS SEVERAL TIMES, I.E. ARE THERE STILL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN PERU; ARE THERE STILL EXILES; WHEN CAN THE EXILES GO HOME? BEJAR TRIED HARD TO AVOID GIVING A DIRECT ANSWER, BUT REFERRED TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PRESENT REGIME IN GLOWING TERMS, ESPECIALLY ITS GROWING REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT. EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER, HE SAID: "THE LARGEST GROUP OF PERUVIANS IN EXILE BELONG TO THE OLIGARCHIC CLASS. I REGRET THAT THE EXILES ALSO INCLUDE MEN LIKE HUGO BLANCO WHO HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN THE STRUGGLE FOR OUR COUNTRY ... I TOLD YOU I DO NOT REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT AND IT'S UP TO THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THE ANSWER.

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THAT DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T HAVE A PERSONAL OPINION. IN MY OPINION

HUGO BLANCO AND HIS COMRADES SHOULD RETURN TO PERU. THAT IS A
VIEW I HAVE NEVER CONCEALED."

3. BLANCO MENTIONED FOLLOWING OTHERS IN EXILE, THOUGH IT IS
NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY ARE IN SWEDEN: A) "PERUVIAN STUDENT LEADER"
ROLANDO BRENJA; B) "TEACHERS' STRIKE LEADER" NATURI CUENTAS;
C) "MINE WORKERS' STRIKE LEADER" GUSTAVO RUI DE SOMMO.

4. POUCHING FULLER SUMMARY OF THIS RATHER LENGTHY ARTICLE.
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